



Inventory of the Kenneth Roberts Collection (Collection #35)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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This collection of material concerning the local writer, Kenneth Roberts, is stored in one box and a notebook.

It includes magazine and newspaper articles about the author, materials relative to the auction at his estate in 1967, and a few exhibit invitations and correspondence.

It provides a wealth of information about the many aspects of the life and personality of this local son.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Advertising flyer for *Lydia Bailey*, dust jacket for same (frag.), miscellaneous articles from magazines about Kenneth Roberts.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous notes, exhibit invitations, and correspondence concerning Kenneth Roberts.
- Folder 3: *Kenneth Roberts: The Man and the Author*, by Deanie Hendrick with news release.
- Folder 4: Three copies each of Auction Sale catalogue and three copies advance flyer for auction at the estate of Kenneth Roberts, Kennebunkport, July 18-20, 1967.

Folder 5: Two copies *Colby Library Quarterly*, September 1962, devoted to Kenneth Roberts for the quinquennial of his death. One copy autographed by his niece and secretary, Marjorie Ellis.

Also *Time* magazine, November 25, 1940, with Kenneth Roberts on cover and featured in cover article.

Folder 6: *Kenneth Roberts: An American Novelist*, New York, Doubleday, Doran & Company, Inc., 1938.

American Opinion, April 1973 with article Mr. Roberts: An Author in Search of America, by E. Merrill Root, Kennebunkport.

The Booklover's Answer, #10, March-April 1964, with a Kenneth Roberts checklist.

Collection also includes a notebook of newspaper clippings about Kenneth Roberts and his books. Photocopies of the articles are with the collection in a notebook. The originals, in a notebook, are in the reference library for general use.

Additions:

Folder 7: Materials concerning BSM's celebration of Kenneth Roberts centennial, 1985-86. Proposal for symposium and call for papers, correspondence, etc.

Folder 8: Correspondence and notes concerning proposed (but not realized) Brick Store Museum project on Kenneth Roberts, 1981-82.

Folder 9: Responses to Brick Store Museum "Chapters in Local History," Volume 1, Number 3, 1986, *Kenneth Roberts: The Man*.

Folder 10: Finding aid for Kenneth Roberts collection at Beinecke Library, Yale. Acq. 87.L.50.

Folder 11: Photocopy, *Cornell Deadly Sin*, Spring 1906, edited by Kenneth Roberts. With correspondence with Jack Bales. Acq. 87.L.49.

Folder 12: "Kenneth Roberts," by Jack Bales. *Bibliographies American Fiction*, 1919-1988. 1991. Photocopy.

"Kenneth Roberts." Remarks by Honorable Robert Hale, Maine. *Congressional Record*, February 19, 1958. Photocopy of his additions.

Folder 13: *Dartmoor Prison*, by Rufus Endle, 1983. And three postcards of the prison.

Folder 14: Photocopies of maps, mounted, showing Dartmoor Prison area. Created for Kenneth Roberts exhibit use, Brick Store Museum.

Folder 15: Miscellaneous Kenneth Roberts material.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous papers, as follows, which are part of Acq. 1991-10. Gift of Roland Hill. Two letters from donor's wife explaining the collection; Registration Certificate for English setter bitch Betty Shores Ben (used in hunting with Kenneth Roberts); Kenneth Roberts Christmas card to donor, 1937; Letter from Lividonia (Italy), 1/28/1933, Kenneth Roberts to Roland Hill.

Framed photograph of the dog Betty who hunted with Hill and Roberts.

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- Folder 12: "The West of a Down Easter:" Kenneth Roberts and *The Saturday Evening Post*, 1924-1928, by Sylvia Whitman, *Journal of the West*, January 1992. Photocopy.
- Folder 17: Photocopies of photos loaned by Virginia Mosser for the Kenneth Roberts exhibit at the Brick Store Museum 1992, some used in exhibit, some not.
- Folder 18: Contact sheet, negatives, some prints, some photocopies of photos owned by Virginia Mosser which were used/not used in the Kenneth Roberts exhibit at the Brick Store Museum, 1992.
- Folder 19: Prints and photocopies of photos owned by the library at Dartmouth College. Made for the Kenneth Roberts exhibit, 1992.
- Folder 20: Prints made from Marjorie Mosser slides of Rocky Pasture rooms, furniture, etc. Given to the Brick Store Museum for possible use in the Kenneth Roberts exhibit, 1992. Others were matted, framed, and used in the exhibit.
- Folder 21: Photocopies of additional Kenneth Roberts and Booth Tarkington material that has come to hand.
- Folder 22: Genealogy of father of Kenneth Roberts from 1600. Acq. 1992.I89.1 and 2.
- Folder 23: Information on Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec, including: photographs (7) of Arnold's Trail site in Hallowell; list of sites in Maine; article in *Smithsonian*, December 1987, about Arnold's march.
- Folder 24: *High Tide*, August 31, 1940, with Kenneth Roberts on cover. Acq. 1992-48.
- Folder 25: Two letters written from Bermuda, 1950, by Marjorie Mosser concerning Kenneth Roberts's water dowsing project on the island. With newspaper articles. Acq. 1992.I.133.1 and 2.

Box 3:

- Folder 12: *Firsts*, January 1994, with article by Jack Bales about collecting Kenneth Roberts editions. With correspondence with author.
- Folder 13: Twenty colored snapshots taken at the Cowpens National Battlefield in Chesnee, South Carolina, 1993 by James Duresne (who was a docent at the Brick Store Museum during the Kenneth Roberts exhibit). Also other material pertaining to the battle. Acq. 1993.I.239.1-20.
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to Boon island, its history, etc.
- Folder 15: Brochure, Sotheby's International Realty, advertising sale of "Seawood," Booth Tarkington house, Kennebunkport, 1985. Photocopy.
- Flyer, J. J. Keating, Kennebunk, advertising auction of the contents of "The Floats," Booth Tarkington's boathouse, June 10, 1985.
- Flyer, Ronald Bourgeault, Estate Tag Sale, "Seawood," Kennebunkport, July 20-21, 1985. Photocopy.

Folder 16: Letters from Kenneth Roberts to Alice M. Child (New Haven, CT, later Cape Porpoise), September 1953 to August 1954 concerning water dowsing. With Doubleday advertising material. Acq. 1994-65.1-11

Pamphlet Box 1:

The Battle of Cowpens, by Kenneth Roberts (Chesnee, S. Carolina: Eastern Acorn Press, 1989). Paper.

Items stored elsewhere:

Metal Case, Shelf 4, Folder 2: Poster advertising *Northwest Passage*. Acq. 1993-11.

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